[President.]

The question that a sum of Rs. 4,230 be granted under Land Revenue and Taxes on Income for the re-organisation of the Income Tax Department temporarily with effect from the 1st Kumbhom 1113 was then put to vote and carried.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair : Sir, I demand a poll.

A poll was taken with the following result :—

AYES—26.

1.	Mr. N. Abdul Rahiman Sahib	14	Mr. T. Mahomed Ismail
2	,, M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar	15	,, P. I. Simon
3	,, V. S. Arumukham Pillai	16	,, C. N. Thuppan Namboodiri
4	,, Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi	17	Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai
5	,, N. V. Chacko	18	Mr. K. Parameswara Panickar
6	,, A. Easwara Pillai	19	,, K. N. Govindan
7	,, P. R. Godavarma Raja	20	Rao Bahadur A. Rengaswami Aiyar
8	,, Eric Hall	21	,, S. Sesha Aiyar
9	,, Mrs. Abernam Gnanasikhamony	22	,, Kayalam Parameswaran Pillai
10	,, James Fletcher	23	Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan
11	,, Padiyara Jaseph Kunju	24	,, C. Kumara Das.
12	,, Abdul Tayeb Shaikh Kaderbhoy	25	Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar
13	,, Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai	26	,, James Simpson

NOES.—5.

1	Mr. M. S. Anirudhan	4	Mr. T. K. Kitten
2	,, K. R. Elankath		
3	,, Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair	5	,, K. M. Korah

NEUTRALS.—5.

1	Mr. M. Govindan	4	Mr. Kallur Narayana Pillai
2	,, K. K. Kuruvilla	5	,, R. V. Thomas
3	,, G. Narayana Aiyar		

The motion was declared carried and the grant was made.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING CAPITAL EXPENDITURE NOT CHARGED TO REVENUE.

Mr. Sesha Aiyar : Sir, I move for a grant of Rs. 21,000 for the Public Works Department. That is made up of two items. Major portion of the amount is needed for the construction of a road

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between Colachel and Thottiode. For the past 12 or 15 years this road had not a thorough remetalling. An annual grant to the extent of Rs. 250 per mile is being spent for maintenance on it.

Mr. M. S. Anirudhan: May I know whether there is any bus service now along that road ?

Mr. Sesha Aiyar: Yes.

This road is being maintained at a cost of Rs. 250 per mile for some years. That grant has been found insufficient to put the road in fair order so as to meet the present traffic conditions. Moreover there is a big market called Monday Market which attracts a large number of carts and people every week. Also, this road is proposed to be taken up along with other roads for the working of the Government transport scheme, that is to say, soon after the scheme for transport from Trivandrum to Nagercoil is started. The improvement work requires an expenditure to the extent of Rs. 18,000 for about 9 miles at the rate of Rs. 2,000. I may mention that widening and repairing of culverts, etc. have to be done, besides metalling the road.

The second item of the demand relates to the supply of fresh water for coastal villages of the State. The proposed area to be benefitted by the supply of water is *Ayiramthengu* and other neighbouring places. This place is surrounded at by Kayancolam Kayal and the sea where there is no means of finding fresh water for the inhabitants to drink. A deep trial boring was started in that place and after reaching over 107 ft. it was found that no good water was available. The amount of Rs. 3,000 now under demand is in relation to this work. It may be interesting to state that another boring was done in which the services of the well known Calcutta Firm, Messrs. Scott & Saxby, were engaged. They are considered to be experts in boring deep wells. After reaching about 225 ft. or so, in another spot good water has been reached. It has been analysed in the laboratory and found fit for drinking purposes. I request that the Council will be pleased to sanction these two items.

Mr. M. S. Anirudhan: Will the present supply of water be sufficient for the locality ?

Mr. S. Sesha Aiyar: Yes, Sir.

Mr. K. R. Elankath: In seconding the motion, I would like to make a few observations with regard to the necessity for improving the road leading from Nagercoil to Thottiode. This road was for a long time neglected and the Government were showing an attitude of indifference in respect of it. This is a road where there is very heavy traffic and the amount spent on it was very much less

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[Mr. K. R. Elankath.]

than the annual income collected on it by Government by way of tolls from the Monday Market alone. I cannot but observe that the unscrupulous carelessness which hitherto characterised the attitude of the Government with regard to the maintenance of this road, on which buses and cars owned by private companies and individuals were plying, has come to cease and that they have now, out of consideration for the safety of their property, at last brought forward this demand.

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi : Is the expression " unscrupulous " parliamentary, Sir.

President : Unscrupulous in individuals is unparliamentary, but not so in respect of Government.

Mr. K. R. Elankath : I shall just explain, Sir.

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi : Sir, is it a parliamentary expression ?

President : ' Unscrupulous ', when used with reference to individuals is unparliamentary. But when used with reference to Government, it may be parliamentary.

Mr. K. R. Elankath : Sir, the Government have been very careful in the matter of looking after their own property while they were not so in the case of other person's properties. I am at a loss to understand why there was this inordinate delay in improving this road which has a voluminous traffic and which, as a result brings a large income through its toll-gates. With these observations I support the motion.

The motion was put to the vote of the House and carried.

The grant was made.

AYURVEDA.

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Sir, I move that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 489 for the continuance of the scholarship to Mr. M. N. Kesava Pillai who is studying for the Ayurveda Acharia Diploma in the Benares Hindu University. He was given a scholarship for three years and nine months. In May 1937, he sat for the examination but unfortunately failed owing to causes beyond his control. The professors and the Principal reported well about his work and the progress in his studies. But at the time of the examination there was an outbreak of plague in Benares and there was a fall in the house where he was living. The Principal reported that it was on account of the anxiety caused by the plagues scare that he was not able to pass

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